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RE: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/651,497
Robotic Cart Pulling Vehicle
Attorney Docket No. 06-40002-US (227685)

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in connection with the above-referenced patent application is the following document:

1. Amendment and Response to Office Action (13 pages);

Kindly acknowledge receipt of these documents by returning the enclosed self-addressed, stamped post card to me.

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Sincerely,

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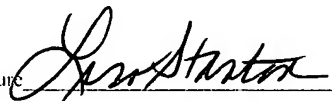
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

Response to the Office Action mailed October 13, 2005 in the above-identified patent application, which was assigned a shortened statutory period that was set to expire January 13, 2006, is enclosed. Accordingly, the present Amendment and Response is deemed to be timely filed. Should there be any fees due and owing, or being paid in excess of any required amount, with respect to this application, the Examiner is authorized to charge such fees or to credit such overpayment to deposit account no. 18-0586.

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